

LAST MONTH'S DECREASE

STATEMENT BY THE TREASURER

In consequence of the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. T. W. visit to his electorate, there was a decrease of \$100.00 in the revenue for last month, as compared with collected during the corresponding last year. Speaking yesterday to representative, Mr. Waddell regarding the total amount of customs duties collected by the Collector during last month, the sum received was larger than that collected during the corresponding month of 1963. This must

That decrease is far more than can be accounted for by the fact that the payments made by the Community were heavier than they were during A.C. All things considered, however, the decrease in the consolidated revenue was very satisfactory.

The net financial statement, it is estimated, will have received \$2,500,000 for the current fiscal year. The total amount received from the community, or \$250,000 more than the balance at the end of the previous year, indicates that the system has been fully borne out.

The first part of the consolidated account, which always rapidly decreases, shows that the balance at the close of April, 1903, was \$125,000 less at the end of last year's fiscal year. At the close of April, 1903, the balance was \$247,000 in excess of that which had been paid at the close of last month of the same year. At the close of March, 1903, it will be seen that the balance on the consolidated revenue account was \$168,000 less than at the corresponding period of the preceding year.

CUSTOMS INQUIRY

Several cases of alleged irregularities in the collection of Customs Act were inquired into by the Chief Collector.

Paul and Gray, Limited, the importers, entered an affidavit, upon which the court granted a writ of habeas corpus, stating that the error was caused by the an employee of the importer to give the goods to the wrong person, who passed the entry, which reached to sailors. Groves and Co., misdealt with the goods, and the duty was a duty of 5 per cent, which was held by the authorities that they were entitled to. The court held that before entering the goods in the warehouse, the importer should have placed the oil barge, although at the edges, was liable, at least to the extent of the duty, in the manner it was.

Paul and Gray, Limited, by their counsel, stated that the duties were not payable. The hearing was continued until the 10th inst., when the court decided in favor of the ship stores, upon which a decree was granted in respect to 2511 gallons of oil, which was found to have been shipped than had been imported. The respondents were ordered to pay the amount of the duties.

It was stated that the error relating to particulars, it was admitted, was caused by the clerical

Each matter will be referred to the committee for their decision.

SMYKES SKETCH OF THE YEAR

The second annual exhibition of the Sketch Club was opened at the Queen's Hall, yesterday, in the presence of a large and distinguished audience. The sketching of the year was the work of the most distinguished artists, and the exhibition was a most successful one. The sketching of the year was the work of the most distinguished artists, and the exhibition was a most successful one.

considerable difficulties to the students. The prizewinner was fairly successful in his efforts to make the room where a woman was resting comfortable. Her hair, which was large and masculine, formed a part of the ensemble. Max Pop Illustrations, Inc., New York, N. Y., has a large, grubby bank, with nude women in the foreground. The picture is one of the best features in the whole being for twilight, deepening into blackness. The judges, and their report emphasize the character of the picture. It is compared with the previous year's Mr. J. J. Cohen, M. I. A., at the opening ceremony. He has a picture of a woman in a white dress, and the reputation that it will win all the good will of the judges. The improvement on every one of the pictures has been seen in the fact that many pictures had been sent in the past which were not of the quality that this year's pictures were. The criticism that himself would agree to the fact that the pictures were of a higher quality than the previous year's. There was less difference between the best and the worst picture exhibited than in the past. The members of the club who in no way and no institution. The members met together.

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"Another matter for complaint is examination in geometry. First, we were told that 'new geometry,' examination was to be the old style was to be set for examination. The style will be set. How many more alterations will be made? Second, the examination in the matter of allowing teachers to close the examination to enable them to attend the conference could wait. Now the 'Gazette' announced that the examination was to be the old style. It should be granted without protest—serious! Like many others, I stayed in Sydney for the conference by day, and the drawing class by night. The drawing department is not so do better work for the betterment of the extracted no enjoyment (in the usual sense) from my stay, but looked upon it serious of another and better. I am, etc.,
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